

441—29.1(218) Visiting.

29.1(1) Visiting hours Monday through Friday are from 12 noon to 8 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. Exceptions for special hours may be designated by the physician on an individual or ward basis. Therapy for the patient shall take precedence over visiting and visiting shall not interfere with the patient's treatment program or meals. Visiting hours shall be posted in each institution.

29.1(2) A visit shall be terminated when behavior on the part of the patient or visitor is disruptive to the patient's treatment plan.

29.1(3) Reserved.

29.1(4) Persons wishing to visit patients shall be approved by the patient's attending physician or designee.

29.1(5) Visiting on grounds shall be permitted when the patient has a ground pass.

29.1(6) Visitors wishing to take a patient off grounds shall receive prior approval from the attending physician.

29.1(7) All visitors shall obtain a visitor's pass at the switchboard or another area as designated by the superintendent and posted. The pass shall be given to the ward personnel before the visitor is allowed on the ward.

29.1(8) Persons under 12 years of age shall not visit patients on the wards.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 218.4.